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### Run on a Savings Bank.

KANSAS CITY, January 19.—As a result of the failure of the American National bank this morning, a great deal of uneasiness has been created among the depositors of the Kansas City Safe and Savings Deposit bank, which is in the same building with the American National bank, and is supposed by many to be connected with it, and at this hour (11 o'clock) there is a tremendous run on that bank. The sidewalk is packed, and the doors of the bank are crowded with depositors anxious to recover their hard earned savings. The bank is paying a depositor promptly, and the officials claim that they can meet all obligations. The bank is in no way connected with the American National. It is the largest savings bank in the state, and its officers are the most careful and conservative business men of the city.

The run on the Kansas City Savings and Safe Deposit bank continued all day. At the hour of closing the crowd of depositors waiting their turn to withdraw their deposits was, if anything, larger than this morning. As a precaution the bank has plenty of money, and it is the general opinion of those in a position to know that the bank is a right, and there is no occasion for scare.

KANSAS CITY, January 19.—When the bank closed its doors this afternoon a motley crowd of crying women and grumbling men surrounded the entrance. They were somewhat reassured when the doors were closed for the day to see the following notice posted on the glass: "Payment of depositors will be resumed at this bank to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. The bank is again going to sixty days' notice before being required to pay time deposits, but as depositors have been and will be paid in full on presentation. There will be a saving of \$20,000 to the bank in accrued interest, which the depositors have forfeited."

### Honors to the Dead Historian.

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"Sir: In his majesty, the emperor and king, remembering the relations of friendship which for many years existed between his majesty, the emperor and king, and the late George W. Hancock, as minister of the United States to Berlin, has directed me to express to you and your family his most sincere sympathy for the great loss that has fallen upon you and your country."

A telegram was also received from the secretary of the American Historical society, expressing sympathy, and announcing that a committee, of which Mr. John C. King would be a member, would attend the funeral.

The principal bearers will be Chief Justice Fuller, Justice Field, Justice 3d, Senator Everts, Mr. Bayard, Admiral Rogers, Mr. Spooner, Mr. George W. Curtis and Mr. John A. King.

In accordance with the expressed wish of Mr. Hancock, before he died, in which his family and country, there will be no military ceremonies in connection with his funeral, but the secretary of the navy and other principal officers of the department will attend his funeral in a body.

Rev. Dr. Douglass of St. John's church will conduct the services, which will be held at St. John's at 11 a. m. to-morrow. The public will be admitted to the church, though a number of seats will be reserved for the president and his cabinet, the diplomatic corps and other dignitaries.

### Yielding Their Arms Slowly.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, January 19.—There is increasing nervousness noticeable among the Indians this morning, occasioned by the difficulty the Indians have experienced in agreeing upon the question of turning over their arms, submitting to the degradation of the several tribes, and the manner in which they are to be treated by the government. The Ojibwa Indians fear to leave this agency, and they are upon and killed by the soldiers. About thirty, however, will go to Rosebud to-day.

In the council yesterday the Rosebud body charged that the Ojibwa had committed as many crimes as they themselves. The feeling was also engendered by the statement of one chief that he intended to turn over all the Indians to the soldiers as a consequence of these actions. The collection of arms has been very unsatisfactory, only 145 having been given up.

The commanders of the several camps, General Broome, General Carr, General Henry, Colonel Shafter, Colonel O'Leary, Colonel Wheaton, Major Wells, Major Whitesides and Captain Capron, have just gone into council with General Miles, having been specially summoned for the purpose.

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